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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **First day of issue — 21 September 2004: "My Dream For Peace One Day" Stamps**

Commemorative stamps

1. In resolution 55/282 of 7 September 2001, the General Assembly decided that an International Day of Peace should be observed on 21 September each year. The Assembly declared that the Day be observed as a day of global ceasefire and non-violence, an invitation to all nations and people to honour a cessation of hostilities.

2. In response, on 21 September 2004, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will introduce a new three-year stamp series with six commemorative stamps on the theme "My Dream For Peace One Day".

3. The stamps will be issued in denominations of 37¢, 80¢, F.s. 0,85, F.s. 1,20, €0,55 and €1,00.

(United States equivalents: F.s. 0,85: 68 cents; F.s. 1,20: 96 cents; €0,55: 67 cents and €1,00: $1.23, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

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Designs

4. The stamp designs were obtained through an agreement between Lions Club International and the United Nations.

5. Each year, Lions Club International sponsors a global youth peace poster contest. Children from around the world submit their artwork, which is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the annual theme. From among 24 finalists, one grand prize winner is chosen. Lions Club International has graciously given UNPA and other participating postal administrations exclusive rights to use the artwork of the finalists for the "My Dream For Peace One Day" stamp series. This year's designs are from the 2002/2003 competition.

General information

6. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Tuesday, 21 September, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) A temporary sales counter located on the east side of the Secretariat lobby, in front of the windows between the cafeteria and the news-stand from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

7. First day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

8. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.